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REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-29 have been previously withdrawn.

Claims 30-32 are withdrawn herein.

Claims 33 and 34 are pending and stand objected-to.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 30-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over a number of references. Claims 30-32 have been withdrawn, which renders the rejections moot.

II. Objected-to Claims

Claims 33 and 34 are objected-to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Claim 33 has been rewritten in independent form thereby rendering the objection thereof moot. Claim 34 depends from claim 33, as amended, and therefore is no longer dependent on a rejected base claim. Reconsideration and removal of the rejections of claims 33 and 34 are respectfully requested.

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III. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the rejections and objections be withdrawn and the application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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